

they were quite obviously *Cleorodes lichenaria*; this was confirmed when I was shown black and white photographs of the imagos. The reserve is treeless, being very similar to the grass and heather covered cliffs of Cornwall. The most common moths here were *Ceramica pisi* L., *Hada nana* Hufn, *Hadena confusa* Hufn, *Hadena perplexa perplexa* D. & S. and *Spilosoma lubricipeda* L.

The larvae were very well camouflaged, feeding on *Ramalina siliquosa*. There were a number of pupae, in silken cases covered with tiny fragments of lichen and fastened to the lichen fronds. On 3rd and 4th June I collected two cases, and two adults emerged, one on 14th June, the other between 18th and 22nd June. They were much lighter than any British specimen I have seen; one had a light dusting of green scales, the other was a plain light brown colour. It may be that lighter coloured moths are better camouflaged when resting on the granite rocks.

My reference books suggest that *Cleorodes lichenaria* feeds on lichens on trees and fence posts. They have been recorded from Mull, where I at first thought that the larvae must feed on lichen-covered rocks, but I was told that there are some stunted trees here that could provide the substratum for the lichens (Bernard Skinner, pers. comm.). The moth is common in Cornwall, even in some coastal districts e.g. Porthgworra, but there are always trees nearby. I have yet to find the larvae on coastal rocks in Cornwall. A. SPALDING, Tregarne, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

SPHAEROPHORIA VIRGATA GOELDLIN DE TIEFENAU (DIPT.: SYRPHIDAE) IN HEREFORDSHIRE.— The paper by C.W. Plant (1988, *Entomologist's Rec.J.Var.*, 100:73), on the occurrence of this and other species of *Sphaerophoria* in the Wyre Forest, Worcestershire, prompts me to record my capture of a single male specimen of *S. virgata* at Hough Wood, Hereford, on 22nd July 1980. I cannot recall the nature of the locality but it would most probably have been a woodland "ride" environment.

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PERIZOMA SAGITTATA FAB. AND LOMOGRAPHIA BIMACULATA FAB. — TWO SPECIES OF LEPIDOPTERA NEW TO YORKSHIRE.— A single specimen of the marsh carpet, *Perizoma sagittata*, was taken in Askham Bog, near York, on the night of 10th July 1987 by myself and Peter Forder. This locality is some 40 miles north of the known sites for the species in north Nottinghamshire. Mr S.M. Jackson found a larva in the bog during August, confirming that the species breeds here.

On the night of 11th June 1988, I was working m.v. lights with Peter Forder in Bishop Wood near Selby. It was a poor night for moths, with only 40 species noted at the traps; however, two specimens of